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FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991): UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 132 (a) appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/815.

2. At its 48th and 49th meetings, on 1 and 4 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.48 and 49).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.42

3. At the 49th meeting, on 4 March, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" (A/C.5/48/L.42).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.42 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly

(a) Recalls its decision 48/466 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 to 31 March 1994 up to the amount of 2,171,950 United States dollars gross (2,000,000 dollars net) which is equivalent to the one-month pro rata share of the commitment authority provided in its decision 48/466;

(c) Agrees to take a decision on the question of assessment for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in case a decision on the financing of the Observation Mission has not been made by 15 March 1994, subject to the availability of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) Expresses deep concern at the current level of arrears of contributions, and urges those Member States with arrears to pay their assessed contributions promptly and in full.